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Ms. Hampton –

Kindly consider this a follow-up to our telephone conversation on October 29, 2014. Please be advised that Secretary of the Commonwealth Carol Aichele is in receipt of the correspondence from the FEC related to the complaint in matter MUR 6886. However, as explained during our discussion, neither the Secretary of the Commonwealth nor the Pennsylvania Department of State would have jurisdiction over a state legislator's possible violation of the FECA or alleged improper use of state resources. I understand that it is the FEC's practice to name the State as a respondent in matters of this nature; however, as it relates to Pennsylvania, neither the Secretary of the Commonwealth nor the Department of State is the appropriate contact under the circumstances alleged. Rather, the matter should likely be referred to the following:

Hon. Samuel H. Smith  
Chair  
House Bipartisan Management Committee  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
139 Main Capitol Building  
PO Box 202066  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2066

Hon. Frank Dermody  
Democratic Leader  
House Bipartisan Management Committee  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
423 Main Capitol Building  
PO Box 202033  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2033

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. On behalf of Secretary Aichele, I am returning the original set of documents that were received from the FEC on October 27, 2014. I am directing those documents to your attention. In light of our agreement, it is my understanding that the Secretary of the Commonwealth *is released from any obligation* to submit any further response in this matter. If my understanding is incorrect for some reason, please notify me immediately.

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